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"NEWSDAY" ARTICLE RE INVADERS AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1976. EM.

RE BUREAU FACSIMILE TO MEMPHIS, FEBRUARY 1, 1976.

THE INVESTIGATION OF THE INVADERS WAS INSTITUTED PER INSTRUCTION OF BUREAU DATED JANUARY 15, 1968, TO KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF THE BLACK POWER MOVEMENT KNOWN AS THE INVADERS.

THE INVADERS, ALSO KNOWN AS BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT, A BLACK MILITANT ORGANIZATION THAT ADOPTED THE PHILOSOPHY NIHILISM AND ANARCHY, WAS ORGANIZED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, IN 1967. THE INFLUENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS WEAKENED BY ARREST OF NUMEROUS MEMBERS AND ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN 1969. IN AUGUST, 1970, THE ORGANIZATION SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AND IN OCTOBER, 1970, THE TWO GROUPS DISCONTINUED ALL ASSOCIATION WITH EACH OTHER AND THE INVADERS BECAME A DEFUNCT ORGANIZATION.

DURING THE 1968 RIOTS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI WAS OPERATING FIVE INFORMANTS WHO WERE FURNISHING INFORMATION REGARDING EXTREMIST

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ACTIVITIES AT MEMPHIS. NONE OF THESE INFORMANTS ~~WERE~~ was ON A POLICY MAKING LEVEL WITH ANY ORGANIZATION AT MEMPHIS. ONLY ONE OF THESE INFORMANTS WAS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK MILITANT GROUP KNOWN AS THE INVADERS. HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THIS ORGANIZATION. NO SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI AT ANY TIME PENETRATED THE INVADERS. ONE UNDERCOVER OFFICER OF THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT PENETRATED THE INVADERS AND WAS A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION DURING THE 1968 RIOTS. HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP NOR WAS HE IN A POSITION TO FORMULATE POLICY FOR THIS ORGANIZATION.

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS NEVER PUBLICLY REPORTED "THAT THEIR AGENTS WERE WORKING WITHIN THE INVADER ORGANIZATION" NOR HAS THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI PUBLICLY REPORTED THAT THEIR INFORMANTS OR SOURCES WERE WORKING WITHIN THE INVADER ORGANIZATION.

SOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAVE ADVISED THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1968 RIOTS AT MEMPHIS, SCLC DID USE INVADER MEMBERS AS PARADE MARSHALS AND AS SECURITY GUARDS.

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SOURCES UTILIZED BY THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI NEVER AT ANY TIME MADE ANY EFFORT TO TURN THE INVADER ORGANIZATION AGAINST THE SCLC.

THE MEMPHIS POLICE OFFICER WHO WORKED UNDERCOVER IN THE INVADER ORGANIZATION IS MARRELL MC COLLOUGH. MC COLLOUGH, WHO HAS BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS AN UNDERCOVER OFFICER, IS NO LONGER EMPLOYED BY THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1968 RIOTS IN MEMPHIS, FORMER [redacted] WAS A MEMBER OF THE INVADER ORGANIZATION AND FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMANTS AND FORMER INFORMANTS REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES OF THE INVADER ORGANIZATION DURING 1968 BUT WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION: FORMER [redacted] FORMER [redacted] FORMER [redacted]

THESE SOURCES FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP, FINANCES, ACTIVITIES, AND PLANS OF THE INVADER ORGANIZATION, BUT AT NO TIME DID THEY ADVOCATE RIOTS NOR DID THEY TAKE PART IN THE PLANNING OF ANY RIOT AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

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